Howland Wood - Curatorial

Newark Museum Association
[Newark, NJ]

1919-1937

The Newark Museum Association

No. 5 Washington St., Newark, New Jersey

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Telephone Branch Brook 320

June 21, 1919.

Mr. Henry R. Drowne,

Secretary, American Numismatic Society,

W. 156th St. & Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We have now on exhibition a collection of about 2000 coins representing the coinage of more than 50 countries. (Ancient and modern)

This collection has been lent to us by a Newark man, Dr. William S. Disbrow. We would like to find someone who can tell us what the collection may be worth and its value in whole or in part to a museum. Can you tell me of someone who can judge and appraise the collection? How much would such services probably cost us?

Yours truly,

J. C. Dana

Director.

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The Newark Museum Association

No. 5 Washington St., Newark, New Jersey

John Cotton Dana, Secretary and Director

December 4,1920.

Mr. Howland Woods,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St., New York City.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Tefft, of the Staten Island Institute has told us of your generous offer to lend us coins and paper money of the Colonial period, for our Tercentenary Exhibition. We are indeed glad to accept this offer, and would like enough of a display to fill two cases about 5' x 2 1/2'. We will be pleased to send a messenger to you on Tuesday morning, unless you telephone us to the contrary. Our telephone number is Branch Brook 320.

With many thanks for your cooperation,

Yours truly,

NEWARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION
Per H. W. Foster

HWF/EES

(Temporary Receipt) The Newark Museum Association 417.20

Newark, New Jersey, Dec 6 19 20

Received from { Name The American Numismatic Society
Address Broadway + 156th St., New York City

the objects described below, offered to the Museum as a loan, subject to the conditions printed on the back of this receipt.

A. W. Lupton
Registrar

No.	Description of the objects	Value
417.44.20	32 coins	

Notice in regard to loans.

1. Any object received by the Association as a loan will be delivered only upon the written request of the lender or his authorized representative and the presentation of this receipt.

2. In case of death of a lender, the legal representative of the deceased shall notify the Director of the Museum forthwith giving his full name and address in writing.

3. Any object lent to the Museum for exhibition shall remain in the possession of the Museum for not less than six months unless otherwise indicated on this receipt or in an accompanying letter; and may be withdrawn from exhibition at any time by the person in charge of the museum exhibitions.

4. The Museum will exercise the same precautions in respect to loans that are used for the safe keeping of its own property, but it does not insure objects which are lent for exhibition. Special arrangement for insurance will be made at the written request of the lender and at his expense.

32 Coins loaned to The Newark Museum Association,
Newark, New Jersey, December 7th, 1920.

2 Pine Tree Shillings.
2 Mark Newbie Coppers used in New Jersey in 1678.
2 Massachusetts, Cent 1788 and 1/2 Cent 1787.
4 Mexican coins, 8, 4, 2, 1 Reals. Philip II of Spain.
3 " " 8, 2, 1, Reals. 1741, 1743, 1749.
2 English Coins, Elizabeth, Shilling, 6 pence, 1572.
1 " " James II, Shilling.
3 " " Charles I, Shilling, six pense, four pence.
1 " " Commonwealth, 6 pence, 1652.
1 " " Charles II, Crown, 1662.
1 " " James II, Half Crown, 1685.
1 " " William & Mary, 6 Pence, 1693.
1 " " William III, Half Crown, 1698.
1 " " Anna, Shilling, 1711.
2 " " George I, Shilling, 1721, Copper ½ Penny, 1717.
3 " " George II, Shilling 1758, Copper ½ Penny, and Farthing, 1734, 1754.
2 " " George III, Copper ½ Penny and Farthing, 1771, 1773.

R. R. Marsch
for Newark Mus. Assoc.

Dec. 7. '20

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Telephone Branch Brook 320

December 9, 1920.

Mr. Howland Wood,

American Numismatic Society,

Broadway & 156th St.,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:

We are all enjoying the thirty-two coins which you so kindly lent to us, and can assure you that all the people who see them will greatly appreciate your courtesy in lending them to us.

We enclose herewith our temporary receipt.

Yours truly,

THE NEWARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION.

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Telephone Humboldt 0320

January 30, 1925.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Will you be so kind as to tell us what you advise as the best means of storing coins and medals when not on exhibition? Do you keep them in flat case-drawers in individual envelopes? If so, what kind and size? We should greatly appreciate it, if you would tell us in detail what you recommend.

Very truly yours,

NEWARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION.
M.W.

MW S

February 3rd, 1925

The Newark Museum Association
5 Washington Street
Newark, N.J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your communication of January 30th, our method for keeping coins and medals when not on exhibition, is to place them in flat boxes of varying sizes, so that the coin and box are nearly the same size. These we keep in flat trays, and can beeseen easily. As a matter of fact, our coins not on exhibition are more used than those on view.

Another method in general use, is to place the coins in envelopes and ~~filed~~ away in drawers, like a card system. This method is applicable only to coins and small medals. The disadvantage here is that no comprehensive view can be taken of the pieces, as each one has to be removed from its respective envelopes.

Some collectors, instead of using shallow boxes, place their coins directly in the shallow drawers. If this is done, some soft material such as velvet should line the trays. In this case, narrow strips of wood are used to keep the pieces in rows.

Trusting the above information may prove useful,

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Telephone Humboldt 0320

February 5, 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of February 3rd in answer to our inquiry concerning methods of storing coins. Thank you for replying to our letter so promptly.

Very truly yours,

NEWARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION.

MW S

February 7th, 1925

The Newark Museum Association
No. 5 Washington Street
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

In thinking further over your letter with regard to storage of coins, I think you should be governed largely by the probable use made of your coins when not on view. As stated in my previous letter, we have more calls, for purposes of study, for the coins in our Cabinet, and, therefore, they must be easily available.

We place on view type coins of interest to the public in general, or special exhibitions. These are changed every few months; or, at least, once a year. The students and collectors in general prefer to be able to handle and examine carefully the pieces they wish to see. Also, we have constant calls for photographing or making casts of certain of our pieces.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Telephone Humboldt 0320

February 11, 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

We are greatly indebted to you for your letter of February 7th.

Could we trouble you to tell us where you obtain the flat boxes of which you spoke in your letter of February 3rd? These are cardboard, and can be ordered in stock sizes? If the drawer can be partitioned off is there any particular advantage in having boxes? The material used to line the drawers would keep the coins from shifting. Another matter of concern to us is the question of accessioning coins. Would you be so good as to tell us if you number each individual coin and, if not, what means of identification you have?

We trust you will pardon us for all the trouble we are causing you. However, your assistance will be of the utmost value to us.

Very truly yours,

NEWARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION.

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February 13th, 1925

The Newark Museum Association
5 Washington Street
Newark, N.J.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your favour of February 11th, the last lot of boxes which we had made were manufactured by the Newark Paper Box Company, and proved very satisfactory. I am enclosing one of the smallest sizes; they increase by one-quarter inches.

We make use of the boxes as we can then write on the back or on a card in the box the name of the donor, classification of the pieces, references, etc. In some instances, we simply place the material in the trays without boxes, sometimes partitioned off by narrow wooden strips.

Would it not be as well to come to the Society some time so that we may show you our various methods for keeping our coins. We do not use accession numbers; nor do we mark anything on the coins as we consider this disfigures the pieces. We have never considered it important to have too much Red Tape. We have on the back of each box the name of the donor, the date, or date of purchase, and a reference can be made to our Accession book under that date.

Very truly yours,

Curator

The Newark Museum Association

No. 5 Washington St., Newark, N. J.

John Cotton Dana, Secretary and Director

February 17, 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much indeed for the information contained in your letter of February 13th. We greatly appreciate the assistance you have given us and also the time expended in our behalf.

Very truly yours,

NEWARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION.

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The Newark Museum Association

No. 49 Washington St., Newark, N. J.

John Cotton Dana, Secretary and Director

November 27,1926.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Mr. Dana has asked me to send to you one of the Bamberger Medals made by John Flanagan, for your collection.

Yours sincerely,

Beatrice Winser

BW:KML

Assistant Director.

December 2, 1926

Miss Beatrice Winser,
Assistant Director,
The Newark Museum Association

Dear Madam:

On behalf of the American Numismatic Society I beg to thank Mr. Dana and the Newark Museum Association for the copy of the Bamberger Medal, which we are very glad to add to our collection.

Yours very truly,

Curator

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Telephone Mitchell 0011

December 17, 1927.

Dr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wood:

We are about to begin some systematic work on our collection of coins and medals, to include as well the care of Mr. Liveright's gift. This will introduce to you Miss Carolyn Heller of the Museum staff who is to undertake this work. She has a natural interest in coins but no systematic knowledge and will have to begin at the beginning. Will you let her see how your coins and medals are handled, housed and catalogued?

Any help which you can give her in beginning her work on our collections here will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

J. L. Dana

Director.

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Telephone Mitchell 0011

December 23, 1927.

Dr. Howland Wood,
Curator, American Numismatic Soc.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wood:

Thank you many times for the assistance you gave me last Wednesday. Ever since my return to Newark, I realize more than ever what a good introduction you gave me to the new subject which I am about to study.

In gathering my material for report, a few questions arose, but I am saving them until I get enough to warrant accepting your offer of future assistance.

Thank you again for all you have done for me.

Yours truly,

Carolyn M. Heller

CH J

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Telephone Mitchell 0011

March 24, 1928.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
156th St. W of Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Our Apprentice Class is about to start on its annual period of visits to other museums. On Saturday, March 31st, the group of six apprentices will be in New York and I wonder if it will be possible for them to visit your Museum during that day. We should like very much to have them see "behind the scenes", giving particular attention to your storage and other museum problems. We had a very valuable and interesting visit to your museum last year and we shall be glad if you can accomodate us again this year.

Will you kindly let us know if this date suits your convenience.

Yours truly,

J. C. Dana

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Director.

26th March, 1928

Mr. J. C. Dana, Director,
The Newark Museum Association

Dear Mr. Dana:

We would be very glad to see your class on Saturday, March 31st, provided they could be at the Museum before 12:00 o'clock. After that hour there are so many visitors we could not give them much attention. They can get in by simply ringing the bell.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Telephone Mitchell 0011

April 12, 1928.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
American Numismatic Society,
155th Street & Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

In Mr. Dana's absence abroad I wish to thank you for the courtesies shown to the members of our apprentice class who have completed their period of museum visiting.

Miss Coffey, in charge of the class, reports that they all enjoyed their visit to your museum. Mr. Dana, I know, feels that observation of other museums is an important part in our course of museum training and I wish to thank you for the attention given to our class.

Yours truly,

Beatrice Winser

Assistant Director.

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The Newark Museum Association

No. 49 Washington St., Newark, N. J.

John Cotton Dana, Secretary and Director

May 8, 1928

American Numismatic Society
156th Street near Broadway
New York City

Gentlemen:

Will you please tell us what books or catalogs you should recommend for the indentification of gold, silver and copper coins?

Yours truly,

THE NEWARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

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May 11th, 1928.

The Newark Museum Association,
49 Washington Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

You have put up to us one of the hardest questions to answer. Our library contains about five thousand bound volumes, and about the same number of pamphlets and catalogues. Easily, a thousand of these items are in constant use for purpose of identification.

There is absolutely no one book or set of books, that begins to tell anywhere near the whole story. Excluding Ancient and Oriental coins, the best sets of books we use most for quick and superficial reference of the common mediaval and modern coins are the two catalogues of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., published in 1893, and which J.W.Scott reprinted ten or twelve years ago. The reprints can be procured from most coin dealers.

Investigating the subject from more of a historical standpoint, and for information where to search further--Trate de Numismatique de Moyen Age, by Engel & Serrure, published in Paris by Ernest Leroux, 1891. Four volumes in three. Also, Trate Numismatique Moderne et Contemporaine, by the same author: Paris 1897-99. Two parts bound in one. These are the best general books on the subject. If you wish to narrow the field down, please let me know and I will give you the best books on a more limited subject.

Very truly yours

Curator.

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Telephone Mitchell 0011

March 25, 1929.

Mr. Howland Wood,

Curator, Numismatic Society,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Mr. Dana would like very much to have our Apprentice Class visit the Numismatic Society this year. You will recall that we spent sometime visiting your museum last year. Will it be possible for you to take our group on Saturday morning, April 6th? There will be five apprentices in this group. They will not be accompanied by the usual staff member from Newark.

We shall be very grateful indeed if you can arrange to have us make this visit, since Mr. Dana considers this a valuable part of the apprentices' training.

If the date I name is not to your convenience will you let me know so we can arrange another appointment.

Yours truly,

KC J

Assistant in Charge of
Apprentice Class.

27th March, 1929

Assistant in Charge of Apprentice Class,
The Newark Museum Association,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

We would be very glad to see and explain things to your apprentice class. Unfortunately, the writer will not be here on Saturday, April 6th, but will be here this Saturday (March 30th) or on April 13th. We are closing the Museum on April 1st for an indefinite period, but this would not prevent the class from coming and seeing the arrangements, etc.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Telephone Mitchell 0011

May 28, 1929.

Dr. Howland Wood,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wood:

We should like to procure a loose leaf album similar to the one you use for paper money. Will you kindly tell us the name, the size, the cost and the place of purchase of such an album?

We are also interested in procuring boxes like the ones you use to hold single coins. Can you give us data about these too?

We shall appreciate any information you can give us.

Yours truly,

THE NEWARK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION
Junior Museum C.M.H.

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31st May, 1929

The Newark Museum Association,
Newark, N.J.

Gentlemen:

The book that we use for keeping our paper money in is made by the Baker Vawter Company, 451 Broadway, New York City, and is known as Safe Lock Sectional Post Binder 57, 12 x 10½ in. We would advise you, however, before ordering this to see the way the paper money is displayed in Zerbe's collection now at the Chase Bank Building, 60 Cedar Street, NwW.York City, where they have their paper money most interestingly shown.

The individual coin boxes that we use are similar to what Mr. Liveright has and were made by the Newark Paper Box Company. His sizes in some instances vary from ours, but if you are using these boxes I would continue using the sizes he has.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Telephone Mitchell 0011

March 13, 1930.

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Our apprentices are about to start on their annual visits to other museums. May we come to visit you Saturday, March 29th? Will you please let me know if this date is convenient for you?

They have always found their visit to the Numismatic Society very profitable and we hope that you will be able to receive them again.

Yours truly,

Beatrice Winser

Director.

March 17, 1930

Miss Beatrice Winser
The Newark Museum Association
49 Washington Street
Newark, N. J.

My dear Miss Winser:

We shall be glad to have your class visit us on Saturday the 29th. We should be pleased if you could make it a morning visit. Unfortunately all our collections have not yet been arranged, but we can show and explain to your class, sufficient to make their trip over here worthwhile.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

June 17,1930

The Newark Museum
Newark, N.J.

Dear Sirs:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the John Cotton Dana Medal, and to express our warm thanks for this gift. We are communicating with the Editor of THE NUMISMATIST to see if this magazine would like to publish an illustration of the medal.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator.

The Newark Museum Association
No. 49 Washington St., Newark, N. J.
Beatrice Winser, Secretary and Director

June 18,1930.

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I think it would be very nice if the Numismatic ~~Society~~ would publish an illustration of the Dana Medal.

I always remember you with much pleasure.

Yours sincerely,

Beatrice Winser

BW:KML

Director.

THE NEWARK MUSEUM

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TELEPHONE MITCHELL 2-0011

September 16, 1937

Mr. Frank I. Liveright,

L. Bamberger & Company,

Newark, N.J.

My dear Mr. Liveright:

A Mr. B. T. Connor, 25 Broad Street, Newark, who has a collection of broken bank bills has asked us if we would be interested in exchanging some of the broken bank bills in the Museum's collection for New Jersey bills in his collection. There are quite a number of broken bank bills in the Disbrow collection, but we have been unable to find a price list to give us an idea of their value. Could you give us your advice on this?

With my best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Beatrice Winser

~~Director~~

:C Would you approve?

Sept. 22, 1937

Miss Beatrice Winser,
The Newark Museum,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Miss Winser:

I know of no price list of broken bank bills and there seems to be no fixed prices for these. Bills in very poor condition, irrespective of denomination, sell anywheres from a few cents each. Unsigned bills, which are generally in fine condition, might sell anywheres from 10 to 25¢ each. Broken bank bills that have been in circulation but in good shape might sell for about the same or a little more, according to some historical fact concerning them such as noted signatures on them, or bills issued by the Mormans or other religious sects, Indian agencies, etc. Odd denominations sometimes bring 50, 75¢, or $1.00. Some of the smaller bills of less than $1.00 bring more than those for over a dollar.

Southern bills bring less than Northern bills.

I think you would be fairly safe in trading bill for bill, matching denominations as near as possible; also, naturally, condition. You would be the gainer in this way - you would be getting Jersey bills which you naturally desire in place of bills not as important to you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
CC Mr. Frank I. Liveright

THE NEWARK MUSEUM
NEWARK NEW JERSEY

BEATRICE WINSER, *Director*

September 23,1937

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th St., New York City

My dear Mr. Wood:

You were very kind through Mr. Liveright to give us the information which we need. We shall be guided by what you say.

With best thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Beatrice Winser

Director

BW:KML